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### **Two Regional Sites Featured in World Languages Teacher Recruitment Days**

Teacher candidates interested in teaching world languages to students of all ages are expected to participate in statewide recruitment drives next month. The annual World Languages Teacher Recruitment Day event has been expanded this year to two events scheduled to be held for prospective teachers and employers in the southern region on March 16 and in the north and central regions on March 19.

The New Jersey Department of Education is hosting the statewide recruitment events in collaboration with Middlesex County Community College and Camden County Community College to help local school districts hire qualified world languages teachers. This is the fifth year the department is sponsoring the program.

"World Languages Teacher Recruitment Day has always been a well-attended event, with more than 600 prospective teachers and between 50 and 75 school districts participating each year," said Commissioner of Education William L. Librera. "We hold these events in response to concerns from the field regarding a lack of qualified candidates for these positions. Through these events, we hope to continue our success in linking world language teacher candidates with school districts."

Next month's events will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Tuesday, March 16 in the Papiano Gymnasium on the Blackwood Campus of Camden County Community College, in Blackwood; and on March 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the College Center on the Edison Campus of Middlesex County College in Edison.

The recruitment events seek to attract college graduates who speak a language other than English, or are native speakers of a language other than English and who enjoy working with children. Candidates may either hold New Jersey teacher certification or be eligible to obtain New Jersey teacher certification through the alternate route program.

The 2004 World Languages Teacher Recruitment Days are hosted by the Office of Academic and Professional Standards and supported by the department's Teacher Recruitment Initiative in the Office of Innovative Programs. The initiative was first established in 2000 to help recruit new talent to the teaching profession, especially in areas of teacher shortage, such as world languages.